ACCOUNTABILITY FOCUS

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A monthly newsletter devoted to what's happening in the Office of Psychometrics, Accountability, Research, & Evaluation (OPARE) at the Michigan Department of Education (MDE)

2010-2011 AYP Release

On Monday, August 15, 2011, the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) results for the 2010-2011 school year were released publicly. Public AYP data can be accessed through the *MISchoolData* website located at: https://www.mischooldata.org or through the Michigan School Report Card website located at: https://oeaa.state.mi.us/ayp/. Authorized school and district users can also drill down to student-level AYP results on the Michigan School Report Card site.

OPARE has also posted a "Suggestions for Explaining Your AYP Status" document to the Michigan School Report Card website that can only be accessed after login by an authorized user. This document is intended to help schools and districts explain their AYP status to the public, media, parents, and other stakeholders.

SEE/S2E2 Application Deadline – 09/01/2011

Applications to establish as a Shared Educational Entity (SEE) or a Specialized Shared Educational Entity (S2E2) for the 2011-2012 school year must be completed and submitted by September 1, 2011. This is an annual process, so even if you participated in the "sending scores back" policy during the 2010-2011 school year, you must still complete a 2011-2012 application.

The application, a sample cooperative agreement, FAQ document, and information packet regarding the sending 2011-2012 "scores back policy" can be accessed at: www.michigan.gov/sees.

2011-2012 Professional Development Opportunities

OPARE staff members are beginning to put together a training calendar for the upcoming school year. As resources allow, OPARE would like to be able to bring accountability training opportunities to you. If your district has any specific professional development needs related to accountability, please notify OPARE as early in the school year as possible.

Requests can be sent via email to MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov. Please provide your district name, approximate number of staff to be trained, the desired accountability topic(s) to be presented, and any additional information pertinent to your request. Professional development opportunities will be scheduled and possibly consolidated based on geographic location and training topics.

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